

Table 1. Demographic characteristics of the study population	
Characteristic	Frequency (%)
Age (years)	
< 18	10 (10.0)
18-24	25 (25.0)
25-34	30 (30.0)
35-44	20 (20.0)
45-54	15 (15.0)
55-64	10 (10.0)
65-74	5 (5.0)
≥ 75	5 (5.0)
Gender	
Male	45 (45.0)
Female	55 (55.0)
Ethnicity	
White	30 (30.0)
Black	20 (20.0)
Hispanic	15 (15.0)
Asian	10 (10.0)
Other	25 (25.0)
Marital status	
Married	35 (35.0)
Single	20 (20.0)
Divorced	15 (15.0)
Widowed	10 (10.0)
Never married	5 (5.0)
Education level	
High school or less	20 (20.0)
Some college	15 (15.0)
College graduate	10 (10.0)
Postgraduate	5 (5.0)
Unknown	50 (50.0)
Annual income (\$)	
< 10,000	15 (15.0)
10,000-19,999	20 (20.0)
20,000-29,999	15 (15.0)
30,000-39,999	10 (10.0)
40,000-49,999	10 (10.0)
50,000-59,999	5 (5.0)
60,000-69,999	5 (5.0)
70,000-79,999	5 (5.0)
80,000-89,999	5 (5.0)
90,000-99,999	5 (5.0)
≥ 100,000	5 (5.0)
Health insurance	
Medicare	10 (10.0)
Medicaid	10 (10.0)
Private	10 (10.0)
Other	5 (5.0)
Uninsured	60 (60.0)

1. A method of correcting a character string entered at an IP client comprising:
- upon receipt of the character string at the client, checking the character string for typing errors; and
- upon detection of a typing error, correcting the typing error, absent input from a user to produce a corrected character string.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the typing errors are selected from punctuation errors and spelling errors.
3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
- when the typing error is a punctuation error, replacing the punctuation error with a correct punctuation mark.
4. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
- when the typing error is a spelling error, replacing the spelling error with a correct spelling.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the typing errors are predefined.
6. The method of claim 2 wherein the spelling errors are predefined.
7. The method of claim 2 wherein the punctuation errors are predefined.
8. The method of claim 1 further comprising connecting the IP client to an IP server identified by the corrected character string.

9. A method of editing a character string entered at an IP client connectable to a plurality of IP servers in a computer network, each of the IP servers having an IP address, comprising:

responsive to entry of the character string at the IP

5 client, correcting errors in the character string selected from punctuation errors and spelling errors; and

connecting the IP client to an IP server identified by the corrected IP server address.

10. A data processing system comprising:

10 a bus system;

a communications unit connected to the bus system;

a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and

15 a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to in response to receiving a character string at a client, checking the character string for typing errors; and

upon detection of a typing error, correcting the typing error, absent input from a user to produce a corrected character  
20 string.

11. The data processing system of claim 10 wherein the typing errors are selected from punctuation errors and spelling errors.

12. The data processing system of claim 10 wherein the typing errors are predefined.

25 13. The data processing system of claim 10 wherein the instructions further comprise connecting the IP client to an IP server identified by the corrected character string.

14. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for selectively preventing collection of history information on a  
30 browser, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions, responsive to receiving a character string at a client, checking the character string for typing errors; and

second instructions, responsive to, upon detection of a  
5 typing error, correcting the typing error, absent input from a user to produce a corrected character string.

15. The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the typing errors are selected from punctuation errors and spelling errors.

16. The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the typing  
10 errors are predefined.

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